(b) The Airports Authoriiy of India Bill, 1993, as passed by Lok Sabha.

(c) The Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Power Transmission System) Bill, 1994, as passed by Lok Sabha.

2. Discussion on the Resolution seeking extention of President's Rule in the State of Jammu & Kashmir for a further period of 6 months w.e.f 3.9.1994.

3. Consideration and return of the Manipur Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1994, as passed by Lok Sabha.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned till 2.30 P.M.

The House then adjourned for lunch at one minute past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-four minutes past two of the clock, The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE (Cntd.)

Simplified Statement regarding Action Taken Report on the Recommendations of Joint Parliamentary Committee NN

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): Madam, I lay on the Table a simplified Statement (in English and Hindi) regarding Action Taken Report on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee which enquired into the irregularities in Securities and Banking Transactions including withdrawal of certain words contained in the Action Taken Report.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, can we ask supplementaries? (Interruptions).

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): No, it can't be done because he has laid a copy of the statement on the Table. (Interruptions)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I don't follow what you are saying.

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Madam, can we seek some clarifications?

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL) 1994-95 (August, 1994)

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): Madam, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for the year 1994-95 (August, 1994).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Today is the Private Members' Business day.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, Special Mentions should be taken up.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to think about it because this will be a new precedent.

I have to inform the hon. Members that today's Resolutions are in the names of the Members who are not present here. In today's Private Members Business, there is a Resolution moved by Shri Viren J. Shah, which is under discussion, and then the other Resolutions to be moved by Shri E. Balanandan, Shri Ramachandran Pillai, Shri Triloki Nath Chaturvedi, Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya and Dr. Naunihal Singh. None of them is here...(Interruptions)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): The discussion on the Resolution moved by Shri Viren J. Shah was to be continued.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: But the Member, who moved the Resolution, should be here. We cannot continue the

discussion on a subject which was raised by a Member who is not present in the House. It is a discourtesy.

We cannot have a discussion when the concerned Member is not there. Similarly, when a Minister has moved a Resolution and he is not there, how can we continue the discussion? If the Member had nominated somebody and said, "I will not be there but someone else will be there in my absence", then, we would have taken it up. Now, this is a very extraordinary situation which has never happened before in our House. So, I don't think we can have a discussion on that. But, I can allow the Special Mentions because they are in the names of Private Members and the Members who have sought to raise the Special Mentions are present over here..(Interruptions) That is also a private business.

SPECIAL MENTIONS—(contd.)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Ish Dutt Yadav. Not present. Now, can I have a discussin on Shri Ish Dutt Yadav's Special Mention when he is not here? Similarly, I cannot allow a discussion even though it may be continuing. The Member should be present in the House.

FLOOD HAVOC IN GUJARAT

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR (Gujarat): Madam I take this opportunity to invite the attention of the august House to the extensive death and destruction wrought by nature in major parts of Gujarat. It was extreme drought and famine which first hit Saurashtra-Kutch and the areas of north Gujarat in May-June this year and then came the devastating floods again inundating vast tracts of Saurashtra, Kutch and South Gujarat affecting 10 districts, especially, Rajkot, Kutch, Junagadh, Surat, Valsad breach and Bhavnagar. The floods with torrential rains in the State this year are rather unprecedented in dimensions insofar as the State has suffered the highest toll of human lives which, according to the official figures, till reports last came in, were 134; the damage to crops by way of extensive inundating or washing away of crops, was over 48,784 hectares; 14,211 heads of cattle were lost, 7,153 huts have been totally destroyed besides a partial destruction to 2,36,026 huts; 14,940 pucca residential units have been damaged and 11,00,100 families have been disturbed and dislocated.

Madam, we are thankful to the hon. Prime Minister who has kindly granted Rs. 58 lakhs and a special relief for the affected families, while conveying deep sympathy for the bereaved families who have lost their near and dear ones. We are also grateful to the Minister of Agriculture, Shri Balram Jakhar, who visited the affected areas for a first-hand view of the devastations caused by the floods and he infused courage amongst the people and the State Government to meet the challenge posed by nature. He also assured to release the third instalment of the Central aid to the State for the current year from out of the allotted share of the Calamities Relief Fund.

Madam, in this context, I would submit that though Gujarat is perennially subjected to brute wrath of nature in the form of drought and floods yet this year, this wrath of nature has been exceptionally harsh. As many as 2,419 villages had been declared drought-hit this year and the dimension of the flood devastation is unprecedently harsh. The State Government had done commendably well in scaling down the drought relief expenditure from the estimated Rs. 209 crores for the full drought year 1993-94 to only Rs. 130-140 crores by way of prudent financial management without diluting the scope and ambit of the drought relief operations.

Having thus overcome the drought challenge with around Rs. 135 crores, the State is again faced with enormous floods, the relief measures for which are estimated to cost around Rs. 148 crores. As